

REMARKS

Receipt of the office Action of May 30, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 11-45 have been examined with claims 11, 13, 16, 18, 20 -26 , 30, 34 and 37 - 45 rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) Cary et al in view of Wenger et al; claims 24 and 44 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Cary et al in view of Miura et al; and claims 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 27 - 29, 31 - 33, 35 and 36 as containing allowable subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that, contrary to Examiner's suggestion, the skilled artisan would be prevented from combining the teachings of Cary et al with Wenger et al. Reading Cary et al carefully, especially at col. 1, lines 55 - 60, it should be clear that Cary et al's intention consists solely in the teaching of hand-held vibration meters. Moreover, Cary et al teaches clearly away from the use of process meters to be mounted permanently and rigidly within a wall of a pipe or tank as claimed in claims 25 ff..

Cary et al's shock mounting 134 may isolate any vibratory effects from electronics within housing 102. But in synopsis with Fig. 10 and 11 it should be clear that the intention of the shock mounting 134 consist in preventing the coupling of any vibrations from probe components via shock mounting 134 to the housing 102. Further, the shock mounting is not located within housing 102, but within support cowling 136, outside of the housing (see also col. 7, lines 59 ff.).

To place this application in condition for allowance with all the pending claims, claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended and new dependent claims 46 - 48 added. The amended and added claims along with the

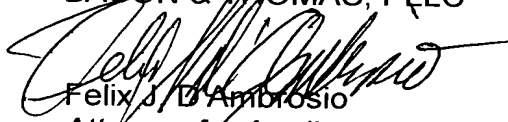
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objected to claims are believed to patentably distinguish over the art now of record.

The excellent examination of this application is greatly appreciated , and in view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 11 - 48 found allowable.

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